



RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, January 24, 2011, at Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island. Chair Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Kenneth Aurecchia, Solomon A. Solomon, and Joseph Hagan

Absent: Robert Flanders, Jr., Kathrin Belliveau, and Brandon Brown

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Joseph Hagan and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the revised agenda for the meeting of January 24, 2011.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, and Joseph Hagan

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Thomas Rockett and seconded by Daniel Ryan it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, and Joseph Hagan

NAYS: 0

Chair Caprio thanked President Carriuolo and the Rhode Island College staff for their hospitality and a wonderful dinner. At this time, Chair Caprio turned the meeting over to President Carriuolo for an introduction of the evening's presentation. President Carriuolo introduced Professor William Wilson of the Music, Theatre and Dance Department. Professor Wilson has been working with students on the College's performance of "Pippin" to be performed at this year's American College Theatre Festival. The students performed two numbers from their production for the Board.

Chair Caprio thanked the students for their performance and congratulated them on a magnificent job. He added that tonight was his last day on the Board and he felt deeply honored for the presentation. He again thanked the students and wished them well as they continue their good work.

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Caprio indicated that he would address the Board at the end of the meeting.

5. OPEN FORUM

No one signed up for open forum.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked Chair Caprio, members of the Board and honored guests for their attendance. He thanked President Carriuolo for hosting this evening's meeting.

The Commissioner provided brief updates on numerous pending issues:

The Nursing Building. Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber for her continued efforts to keep the Nursing Building discussion alive over the past several months. At the University and Rhode Island College, the Provost, the Deans of Nursing, and faculty members from each of the schools along with staff from the Office of Higher Education continue to meet on a regular basis.

As previously reported, the General Assembly appropriated \$175,000 to conduct a feasibility study. The RFP process to select a consultant is moving forward. Some key partners in the Rhode Island Center for Nursing Excellence based at URI are working together with a consultant hired by Lifespan and are gathering lots of data and information. The goal is to have a report to the legislators and to the Board by the end of May.

First Day of Classes. Today was the first day of classes at all three institutions. At Rhode Island College, they are expecting a record number of new undergraduates coming in this year and their enrollment continues to be very strong.

At the University, there has been some change in that more and more students are coming from in-state, and there has been a decline in out-of-state students. This decline results in a direct impact of the revenue generated by tuition. As tuition and fees continue to rise, the Commissioner feels more and more students will decide not to leave their home states.

At the Community College, there continues to be an increase in applications, although actual numbers may be down this spring. The decline in numbers is due to the number of students who are having a very difficult time paying their bills. The number of paid students is down over last year, even though the overall application numbers are up.

College Access Challenge Grant: As reported earlier, Rhode Island was one of only three states in the nation that did not receive funding from the College Access Challenge Grant. The State did not meet the Maintenance of Effort requirement in order to qualify. With Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber's efforts and those of many other individuals, Commissioner Di Pasquale was happy to announce that the College Access Challenge Grant funding from the United States Department of Education has now been awarded to the State of Rhode Island for \$1.5 million. The program funding is intended to improve college access, retention and completion rates among low income youth and returning adults within Rhode Island. This award is contingent on the Governor and the legislators restoring approximately \$580,000 of funding to higher education to meet the State's maintenance of effort requirement. We have been working with Governor Chaffee's office and we are encouraged that the State will restore funding to higher education and the award of the grant will continue as anticipated.

It is important to note that the lead principal investigator on this grant is the Office of Higher Education. Commissioner Di Pasquale was pleased to announce that Ms. Janet Durfee-Hidalgo will be taking the lead on the grant work. Ms. Durfee-Hidalgo joined the Office of Higher Education on January 2, 2011 in the capacity of Director of PK-20 Affairs.

Chair Caprio's departure: With this being Chair Caprio's last Board meeting, Commissioner Di Pasquale shared a few words with the Board. The Commissioner recognized Chair Caprio's outstanding 15 years of service to the Board of Governors for Higher Education, 8 of those years as chair. As Chair, he has been a tremendous advocate for higher education and all of its students. Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked Chair Caprio for all his efforts on behalf of higher education and congratulated him for all the outstanding work that he has done. The Commissioner made special note that under Chair Caprio, higher education is now at its largest enrollment in Rhode Island's history.

On behalf of everyone, most importantly, the students, staff and faculties from all of our schools, Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked Chair Caprio for the tremendous job, tremendous effort, friendship and outstanding leadership that he has provided to higher education.

The Commissioner went on to say that Chair Caprio's involvement in education began many, many years ago. He was a teacher at Hope High School in Providence, and later a lawyer and judge. Throughout his career as a lawyer and judge, he remained a teacher. As Commissioner for the past year, Commissioner Di Pasquale acknowledged having learned a lot from Chair Caprio. He stated, "He continues to teach me each and every day as he does everyone."

Chair Caprio was appointed to the Board by Governor Bruce Sundlun in 1992 and served through 1995. He was then reappointed by Governor Lincoln Almond in 1997 and again by Governor Carcieri in 2003 when he was named Chair. For the last eight years, he has been our dedicated chairperson. He has dealt with every issue within the system of public higher education that was brought to his attention. He has made many tough and very difficult decisions in good fiscal times and over the last years in some challenging times. He has presided over the Board's hiring process of the institutions' three current presidents.

The mission of this Board is to help make a quality public education in Rhode Island both affordable and accessible to Rhode Islanders. Chair Caprio has understood that and has embraced it each and every day of his service.

Prior to making a few presentations, Commissioner Di Pasquale offered everyone present an opportunity to say a few words.

Vice Chair Ryan stated that he has had the opportunity to know Chair Caprio and work with him on the Board since 1997. He thanked Chair Caprio for all that he has done and the attitude that he brought to the Board. As Commissioner Di Pasquale noted, Vice Chair Ryan emphasized the fact that Chair Caprio's value of students more than anything has run true and clear throughout his chairmanship, as well as his behest, initiation and collaboration with the University and College presidents. So much has been done under his leadership, and his chairmanship brought so much modernization to the campuses in Rhode Island, of which he should always be proud. Chair Caprio brought the kind of leadership and forward thinking to the Board and to higher education and with the help of the Board, the presidents, the staffs and everyone else involved, they have all worked so hard together in very difficult times. With Chair Caprio's leadership, Higher Education has made the best of whatever amount of money it was granted each year. He again thanked Chair Caprio for his outstanding service and commitment to the Board.

Governor Thomas Rockett echoed Vice Chair Ryan's kind words and thanked Chair Caprio for his generosity and kindness.

Governor Joseph Hagan stated that he first met Chair Caprio 56 years ago while they both attended Providence College. He spoke of the admiration he had for Chair Caprio while he worked day and night to go through school and also through law school. Now a judge and the Chairman of this Board for many years, Chair Caprio is a very distinguished and caring public servant and most of all, a very dear and real friend. He wished him many, many more years of success, happiness and good health.

Governor Solomon A. Solomon shared with Chair Caprio his words of wisdom, "You will take nothing with you when you leave this organization behind, but what you will leave behind will always remain in our hearts and in our minds. May these words of Solomon's wisdom remain in your heads and in your hearts."

Commissioner Di Pasquale, Associate Commissioner Steven Maurano and Vice Chair Ryan presented Chair Caprio with a plaque hand-written in calligraphy by Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne enumerating Chair Caprio's accomplishments on behalf of Higher Education. Commissioner Di Pasquale also presented Chair Caprio with a gift of affection and appreciation from all the members of the Board, a crystal vase with the Board of Governors logo and the Chair's years of service to the Board engraved on it.

Chair Caprio thanked everyone and indicated he would share a few comments with everyone at the end of this evening's meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and the acceptance of the proposed Lease of Suite H in Independence Square II on the URI Kingston Campus

Associate Commissioner LaPanne provided the Board with background on the University's long and mutually beneficial relationship with the Independence Square Foundation. She indicated that the 40,000-square-foot Independence Square II building was constructed in the early 1990s on URI Kingston Campus land leased to the Foundation. This building has provided quality space to several University departments as well as to community-based not-for-profit organizations including a child care center, a special school, and operations that focus on supporting individuals with disabilities. URI entities that currently reside in this building include the Physical Therapy Program and the Communicative Disorders' Speech and Hearing Clinic.

In 2007, the Board of Governors and the State gave approvals to the Foundation to construct a 28,000-square-foot addition to this building supported by Federal grants and foundation-secured financing that now houses the University's Kinesiology Program. The land lease supporting the building complex extends through 2033.

Currently, the University and the Foundation have recognized that the student population in the facility has need for collaborative and independent study spaces throughout the day. Students have occupied common use spaces within the facility for study and meeting purposes that have been intrusive to other functions within the building. Yet these are the only locations available for use. In addition, the University Conference Office will promote outreach and professional programs used by outside agencies, generating revenues that will offset some of the lease costs.

Therefore, the University and Foundation have identified an 1,147-square-foot Suite that contains two study-room sized spaces and two interior offices located adjacent to the University's Physical Therapy and Communicative Disorders' programs. These spaces would serve the needs of students in these programs as well as those of the University Conference office.

The annual rent for the space in FY 2011 is \$15.65 per square foot or approximately \$17,950 in the first year of occupancy.

The goal is to commence occupancy on February 1, 2011 with the first full year starting on July 1, 2011. The term of the proposed lease is ten years with an option to extend the lease for an additional ten years. The terms and conditions of the proposed lease document mirror the language of the existing lease agreements for the University's current academic program occupancies.

The University is requesting consideration of the lease that was included in the Facilities and Finance & Management Committee package distributed to the Board for their January 12, 2011 meeting.

The Lease is subject to the review and approval of the final document by the Board's General Counsel and the State Properties Committee.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth Aurecchia and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accepts the lease proposal, as presented, for Suite H, Independence Square II, at the URI Kingston Campus for student study and office use subject to final acceptance by the Board's General Counsel and the State Properties Committee.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, and Joseph Hagan

NAYS: 0

8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA

a. Government Relations Committee

Chair Caprio called upon Governor Aurecchia to present the report of the Government Relations Committee.

Prior to giving his report, Governor Aurecchia took a few moments to recognize Chair Caprio. He reminisced about his mother and father having voted for Judge Caprio when he ran for public office, and how that story came up when he and Frank had lunch prior to Governor Aurecchia joining the RIBGHE. Governor Aurecchia also noted that Judge Caprio was "one in a million" and that he was one of the few individuals he knew who was always willing to assist if someone had a problem or a need. He said that he has been the head of a union local with 1,500 members and vice president of an international unit with 365,000 members, and that, in his experience, there were very few individuals like Judge Caprio around. "He is one of the greatest men that I know," said Governor Aurecchia in thanking Judge Caprio for his service and for his friendship on the Board.

Governor Aurecchia reported that the Government Relations Committee met earlier today at Rhode Island College. The Committee heard a recap on the November elections including the successful higher education bond referendum. The Committee was also given an update on actions stemming from legislation in 2010 and previewed some of the issues the Board may be facing in 2011.

b. Student Advisory Committee

Tessa Constant, a member of the Student Advisory Committee, provided the Board with an update on the Committee.

The Student Advisory Committee met for the second time on December 8, 2010 at the Community College of Rhode Island's Warwick campus. All three institutions were again represented by members of their student government organizations and graduate students from URI and RIC represented their fellow grad students as well. There was discussion about the higher education budget as approved by the Board and the Board's vote to freeze tuition and fees for the academic year beginning in September 2011. URI Student Senate President David Coates reported on recent activity involving the GLBT community on campus and noted that the University was in the process of hiring an Associate Vice President for Diversity. Other students at the meeting expressed admiration for URI's approach to the issue. The URI representatives also reported on discussion at the University regarding teacher evaluation forms. Rhode Island College's graduate representative reported that the College's School of Education is beginning to see the effects of an increase in qualifications for students to be accepted into the College's program for teachers. CCRI's Warwick Campus President expressed a desire to collaborate with URI and RIC on events and asked to share ideas. The College's Providence Campus president reported on the recent approval for a new English Language Learners Club. There was discussion continuing from the group's initial meeting about the reinstatement of the fifty-percent (50%) RIPTA discount fare program at CCRI and the continuing work to have it reinstated at Rhode Island College. Several other issues with RIPTA services, especially at the CCRI Providence Campus, were also discussed.

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

a. Awarding of Honorary Degrees by Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo is requesting approval for the awarding of honorary degrees at Rhode Island College to the individuals outlined in a previously distributed document. The list of recipients will remain confidential until publicly revealed by the College.

b. Recommendations from the Personnel Review Committee (PRC)

Anne Marie Coleman indicated that there is a request by the University to reclassify the Coordinator, Safety and Risk Management position to Risk Manager; and a request to reclassify the Marine Superintendent and Manager, NBC/Marine Scientific Services positions, Grade 15, to a new position Director, GSO/Marine Operations, Grade 16.

As a result of that review process, the Personnel Review Committee is recommending that the Board approve the following at the University of Rhode Island:

Reclassify the Coordinator, Safety and Risk Management position to Risk Manager.

Reclassify the Marine Superintendent and Manager, NBC/Marine Scientific Services position, Grade 15 to a new position, Director, GSO/Marine Operations, Grade 16.

c. Awarding of Honorary Degrees by the University of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island is requesting approval for the awarding of honorary degrees to the individuals outlined in a previously distributed document. The list of recipients will remain confidential until publicly revealed by the University.

On a motion made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was

VOTED:

(Item 9a) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of honorary degrees to the individuals selected by Rhode Island College.

(Item 9b) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the Personnel Review Committee's recommendations

(Item 9c) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of honorary degrees to the individuals selected by the University of Rhode Island.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, and Joseph Hagan

NAYS: 0

10. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

a. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale introduced the College's new alumni publication. With over 56,000 alumni, he feels this is a good way to connect with the alumni community.

On Monday, January 17, 2011, the Rhode Island Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission recognized CCRI Vice President for Academic Affairs Lela Morgan for her hard work in making education accessible to all, and her deep commitment to many community organizations. President Di Pasquale congratulated Vice President Morgan for having received this year's "Living the Dream Award" on behalf of the College and herself.

Vice President Morgan added that receiving the award was a surprise that touched her heart very deeply. She indicated she understands the struggles that minorities and other students have gone through to get their education. She stated, "My heart is deeply involved in helping these students move forward, be successful, and achieve their dreams."

b. University of Rhode Island

Dr. David Dooley reported that the University has hired as the Associate Vice President for Community, Equity & Diversity, Kathryn Friedman, a very distinguished administrator with a long record of experience and achievement in these matters. Ms. Friedman has begun work at the University. Her appointment is a six-month interim appointment, which will allow the University to frame the agenda for the future, to define the role and scope of this position, and to

help the University move ahead with its strategic plans and the implementation of those plans around the areas of community, equity and diversity.

The University continues to grow with the use of technology, on-line learning and distance education allowing the University to serve Rhode Island citizens better than simply continuing to offer classes in the usual modalities based in classrooms. The academic summit organized by URI's Provost and Office of Academic Affairs brought faculty together to discuss this particular issue, and how the University can use technology more effectively to advance student learning and faculty teaching. Since 2007, the University has doubled the number of classes that are taught using a blend of both class-based and web-based instruction. There are now half a million items posted on the websites of the faculty and the offices of URI engaged in assisting students in their education. The University is bringing into existence the Office of On-Line Teaching and Learning which will serve as an additional resource for development in this area for faculty and students. Dr. Dooley added that there is much excitement about what this means for the future and what you will see from the University going forward; a greatly increased emphasis on website and on-line learning making full use of what technology offers to improve student learning and the quality of the education that students receive.

President Dooley added that in the 30 plus years that he has been involved in both private and public higher education, he has had the opportunity to get to know and to work with in a variety of capacities many members of boards. As the president of an institution of higher education, the success of the president depends not only on the president's ability, skills, experience and hard work that he or she may bring to the job, it depends very sensitively on the views, actions, perspectives and roles that the board takes in the state and with the institutions. President Dooley is very pleased to be a part of higher education in Rhode Island and working with the Board and especially with Chairman Caprio.

c. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo provided the Board with an overview of the many happenings at the College:

She indicated that a student in the College's joint Ph.D. in Education program has been named a Gates Millenium Scholar. Rhode Island College congratulates Yaocihuatzin, an indigenous community activist who studied at Berkeley as an undergraduate and holds a master's degree in teaching from New York University, on this prestigious recognition.

There are also two RIC students who were selected as recipients of the Kingston-Mann Student Achievement Awards for Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship. The annual award competition is among students from eight colleges and universities in New England. This year's award committee has selected Alicia Kristen Roberts and Emily Sorlien from Rhode Island College.

The College is pleased to report that in the most recent data for 2010, graduates of the Rhode Island College Nursing Program once again received the highest pass rate (95%) on the NCLEX nursing examination among nursing graduates of the nursing programs from all Rhode Island institutions of higher education. Especially noteworthy, Dr. Carriuolo added is that Rhode Island itself had the sixth highest pass rate of any of the other states.

In terms of the College's enrollment tracking, spring enrollment is tracking very closely with all of our established targets. The FTE is slightly ahead of the target by 0.2%. The

College's largest enrollment component, students in undergraduate degree programs, is running about 1.8% ahead of targets as measured by FTE. As enrollments grow, the hardest challenge for the College is to continue to keep high quality programs and good services for the students. President Carriuolo thanked the Board and especially Chair Caprio for all the support the College has received in doing so.

Lastly, President Carriuolo added that over the years she noted that while attending many events with Chair Caprio, he has always been very careful and very generous to give credit to his wife, Joyce, for being his life partner and for being someone who has always been very inspirational and very supportive.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

Before entering into executive session, Chair Caprio thanked everyone for all their help throughout the years he served on the Board. He stated that the Board of Governors has been like a family to him. Not only the members of the Board, but the staff at the Office of Higher Education and the staff at the three institutions. "Whenever I visited the three institutions, it was almost like I was going home," he said. He added, "The longer you stick around, the more you get to know people personally, and it becomes much more meaningful." He thanked everyone for the support that he received on the Board, stating that words would be inadequate to explain how appreciative he is to every single member of the Board for their commitment to higher education and for the support that they have given him.

He indicated that he and Mike Ryan have met at least a couple of times a week throughout his chairmanship. They were on the telephone almost daily, met many times with the presidents and with Commissioner Di Pasquale frequently. He expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Di Pasquale for all of his support and backing, as well as to President Dooley and to President Carriuolo.

The honor of being on the Board before becoming Chairman was something he always held dear to his heart. Being a member of the Board was always very meaningful and becoming Chair of the Board was extra meaningful. He stated that he always tried not to lose sight of the fact that the primary purpose was for the students, to give them an opportunity, to give them hope, and to help them realize their dreams. To be involved in an endeavor to better the lives of others, and to help them achieve their goals, their hopes, their dreams and their aspirations gave him such a sense of well-being that he shall always remember. Chair Caprio reminisced about the joy it brought him when he attended graduations at the institutions and he would run into people he knew from the time he was a child growing up on Federal Hill. These individuals would proudly announce that their children or grandchildren were graduating. These were always special occasions that brought Chair Caprio great joy to feel that he was a part of these graduations, having helped to give these children hope and opportunity.

Chair Caprio spoke about the tremendous staff that he has worked with and singled out, Anne Marie, Ray, Ron and Lou. There has not been a time that he called any of them when they did not have an answer to his question. He noted that this was a very heartwarming situation for him.

Chair Caprio stated that he leaves with no regrets and feels as though so much has been accomplished. The sense of well-being that he derived from the Board of Governors was that he always maintained that, in life, we will be judged some day on helping others reach their dreams. Not the dreams we made come true for ourselves, by the dreams we have made come true for others and that we will be judged by the hope that we inspire in the hopeless and the difference that we make in the lives that we touch. In a very rare way, he added, the entire Board has made a tremendous difference in so many lives, has inspired hope in so many people, and has helped so many people realize their dreams.

In closing, the Chair said "I'll see you all on campus."

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Caprio indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an update on pending litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) and an update on collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2);

On a motion duly made by Michael Ryan and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education convene in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) for the reasons set forth above.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, and Joseph Hagan

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

All non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Ray M. Di Pasquale, Commissioner and President of the Community College of Rhode Island; University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley; Rhode Island College President Nancy Carriuolo; Ronald Cavallaro, General Counsel for the Board; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations; Steven Maurano, Associate Commissioner for External Affairs; Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Management; and Deborah Grossman-Garber, Associate Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:48 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Joseph Hagan it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education seal the minutes of the executive session held this evening.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere,
Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon,
Kenneth Aurecchia, and Joseph Hagan

NAYS: 0

Chair Caprio informed the Board that due to his interest in the Coast Guard House Restaurant, he would be recusing himself from all discussion and action taken with regard to the matter involving the Division of Public Utilities.

On a motion duly made by Tom Rockett and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education authorizes the University of Rhode Island to act on the Board's behalf, in consultation with the Board's General Counsel, regarding the matter involving the Division of Public Utilities as discussed in Executive Session.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, and Joseph Hagan

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: Chair Frank Caprio

13. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, March 21, 2011, 5:00 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island.

Monday, May 9, 2011, 5:00 p.m. at Community College of College.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Daniel Ryan it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education adjourn.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, and Joseph Hagan

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary